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LAND OWNERSHIP TO WOMEN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn up any proposal for providing land ownership rights to women dependent on agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the target fixed by the Government for making land available to women under the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): As per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, Land is a State subject; and therefore, it is for the State Governments to bring suitable legislation regarding land distribution including land ownership rights to women dependent on agriculture.

However,based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers,Government of India has approved the National Policy for Farmers 2007, which is already under implementation through various schemes and programmes of various Central Ministries and Departments. The Policy provides for issue of joint pattas to women farmers for both homestead and agricultural land as this is essential for empowering women to access credit and other services.